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The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to inform you that several projects for the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) identified in House Report 108-792, which accompanied the fiscal year 2005 Department of Health and Human Services appropriation, should be modified.

The \$1,485,000 grant to St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL, for facilities and equipment for a health education building should be modified to be used for two health education buildings -- \$1,000,000 for the Orthotics and Prosthetics Health Education Building on the St. Petersburg campus and \$485,000 for the Dental Health Education Building on the Seminole campus.

The \$1,000,000 provided for the Lawton Chiles Foundation, Tallahassee, FL for facilities and equipment should instead be provided to the State of Florida, Department of Health, for facilities and equipment at the Gerold L. Schiebler Children's Medical Services Center, Gainesville, FL.

The \$250,000 provided to Akron General Medical Center, Akron, OH for facilities and equipment for the Edwin Shaw Rehabilitation Hospital should be used for the Akron General Medical Center for facilities and equipment for a heart failure clinic.

The \$250,000 provided to the Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland, OH for facilities and equipment for NetWellness should instead be used for equipment, software, and operations for NetWellness.

The \$250,000 in funding provided for the Children's Health Fund, New York, NY for facilities and equipment for a Children's Health Project in KY should instead be provided to the Louisville Metro Government, Louisville, KY for the same purpose.

The \$250,000 in funding provided for the Muskegon Community Health Project, Muskegon, MI, for facilities and equipment should instead be provided to JaxCare, Jacksonville, FL for their health care access activities.

The \$155,000 allocated to Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA and the \$333,000 allocated to Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA for facilities and equipment for the Iowa Chronic Care Consortium should instead be allocated as follows: \$188,000 for Iowa Center for Aging Research and Education at Des Moines University and \$300,000 for telemedicine at the Iowa Chronic Care Consortium at Des Moines University.

The location of the Clay County Drug Treatment Facility, Cornettsville, KY, which received \$750,000 for facilities and equipment, should be corrected to Manchester, KY.

The purpose of the \$265,000 grant to Benton County, Oregon should be expanded to include facilities and equipment for health services in Corvallis, OR as well as in Monroe.

The \$250,000 grant to the Center for Allied Health and Nursing in Hackensack, NJ should be reduced to \$75,000 and the remaining funds reallocated as follows: \$100,000 for Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood, NJ to acquire and install a Radiology Information System; and \$75,000 for Palisades Medical Center in North Bergen, NJ for facilities and equipment.

The purpose of the \$150,000 grant to the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles for facilities and equipment for its Casa de la Esperanza health care program should be changed to "facilities and equipment for health clinics", to allow the grant to be used for any of the Housing Authority's clinics.

The purpose of the \$75,000 grant to Saint Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island for a mobile dental van program should be changed to allow the grant to be used at the grantee's pediatric dental center in Pawtucket, RI.

The \$1,500,000 grant in FY 2004 to Englewood High School in Chicago, IL for a clinic and subsequently re-designated for the Rebirth of Englewood Community Development Corporation should be further re-designated for The Hektoen Institute for Medical Research, LLC in Chicago.

The \$225,000 in funding provided to the Sullivan County Medical Center, Laporte, PA for rural outreach should instead be provided to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), Philadelphia, PA for rural outreach through the Sullivan County Medical Center.

The purpose of the \$250,000 in funding provided to The Shelter, Columbia, MO, for facilities and equipment for a transitional living program facility should be changed to for the lease of a building.

The grantee name for the \$700,000 provided to the "Saint Louis Community Health Center, Superior, WI" should be corrected to read "Lake Superior Community Health Center, Superior, WI".

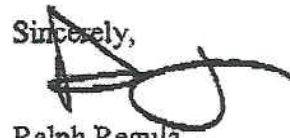
We appreciate the assistance of your Department in facilitating the smooth transfer of these funds to the new grantees or new purposes.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.



David R. Obey
Ranking Member, House Labor-HHS
Appropriations Subcommittee

Sincerely,



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